

Foulk Road from Concord Pike to Weldin Road

This area is on the east side of Concord Pike and the south side of Foulk Road. It includes the Smithy Site (7NC-B-10/N-10939), and part of the Weldin Plantation (7NC-B-11/N-9453). The blacksmith and wheelwright shop first appear on the 1849 Rea and Price Map of New Castle County (see Figure 5). Previous archeological investigations revealed that a gasoline station had been built on the site of the blacksmith shop, severely disturbing the integrity of the site, and no further work was recommended (Taylor et al. 1989:196). The gasoline station is no longer extant and the area is currently a corn field on the east side of Concord Pike at its intersection with Foulk Road (Figure 36).

The Weldin Plantation Site covers an area approximately 300 by 400 feet near the intersection of Foulk and Weldin Roads and on the west side of Weldin Road, and includes the ruins of several structures readily evident at the surface. Five structures are indicated on the 1893 Baist Atlas (Figure 37) and portions of five foundation remains were located in the 1989 survey (Figure 38). At this time the site is wooded and overgrown with low scrub. Previous work (Taylor et al. 1989) has revealed that the property was used as a farm by both tenants and owners since the early part of the 18th century. The work completed in 1989 (Taylor et al.) was described as an extended Phase I survey, but was tantamount to a Phase II evaluation. Intact contexts, such as builder's trenches, an interior brick lined well, an exterior well, and sub-floor deposits were encountered. Additional work was recommended as it was felt that other intact contexts would be present and that the site would contribute information on tenancies of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It was also felt that the long history of occupation would provide the opportunity to study temporal changes and differences in tenant and owner occupied sites (Taylor et al. 1989:205-261). Current proposals for work in this area include the placement of a survey marker in the structural remains indicated as Structure B in Figure 38, and moving the plastered stone gateposts associated with the remains. The remains of Structure B are comprised of partly standing mortared stone walls and a brick chimney stack that has been cemented over (Figures 39 and 40); this was apparently a small dependency for the main house. A stone lined well (Figure 41) is located to the north of Structure B, just outside its doorway. Additional archeological work would likely be required on portions of the site to be impacted.



FIGURE 36
Looking Southwest at the Location of the Smithy Site
[7NC-B-10/N-10939]; Concord Pike is in the Background

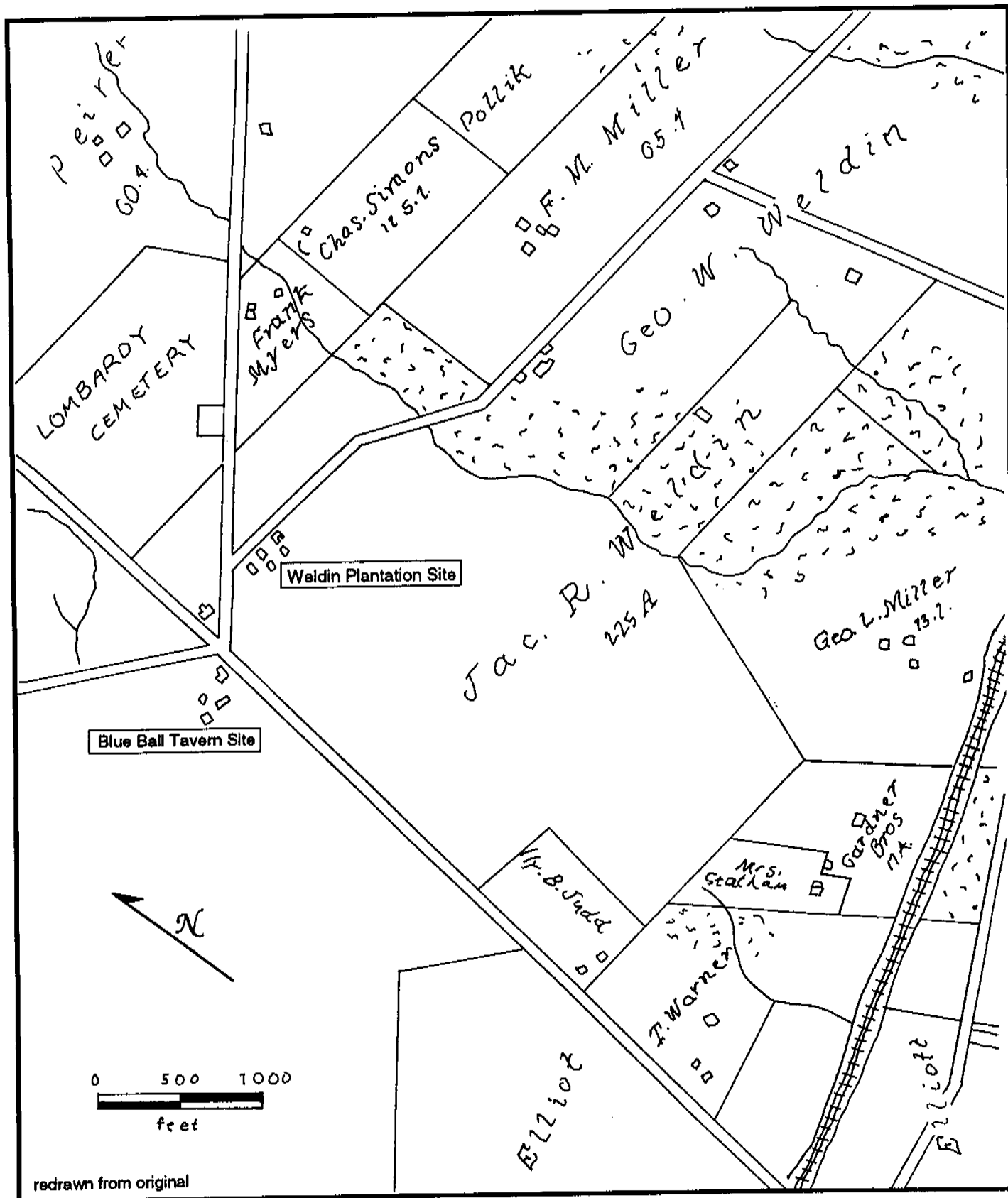


FIGURE 37
 Portion of Baist's 1893 Atlas of Delaware Showing the
 Weldin Plantation Area
 (Taylor et al., 1989)

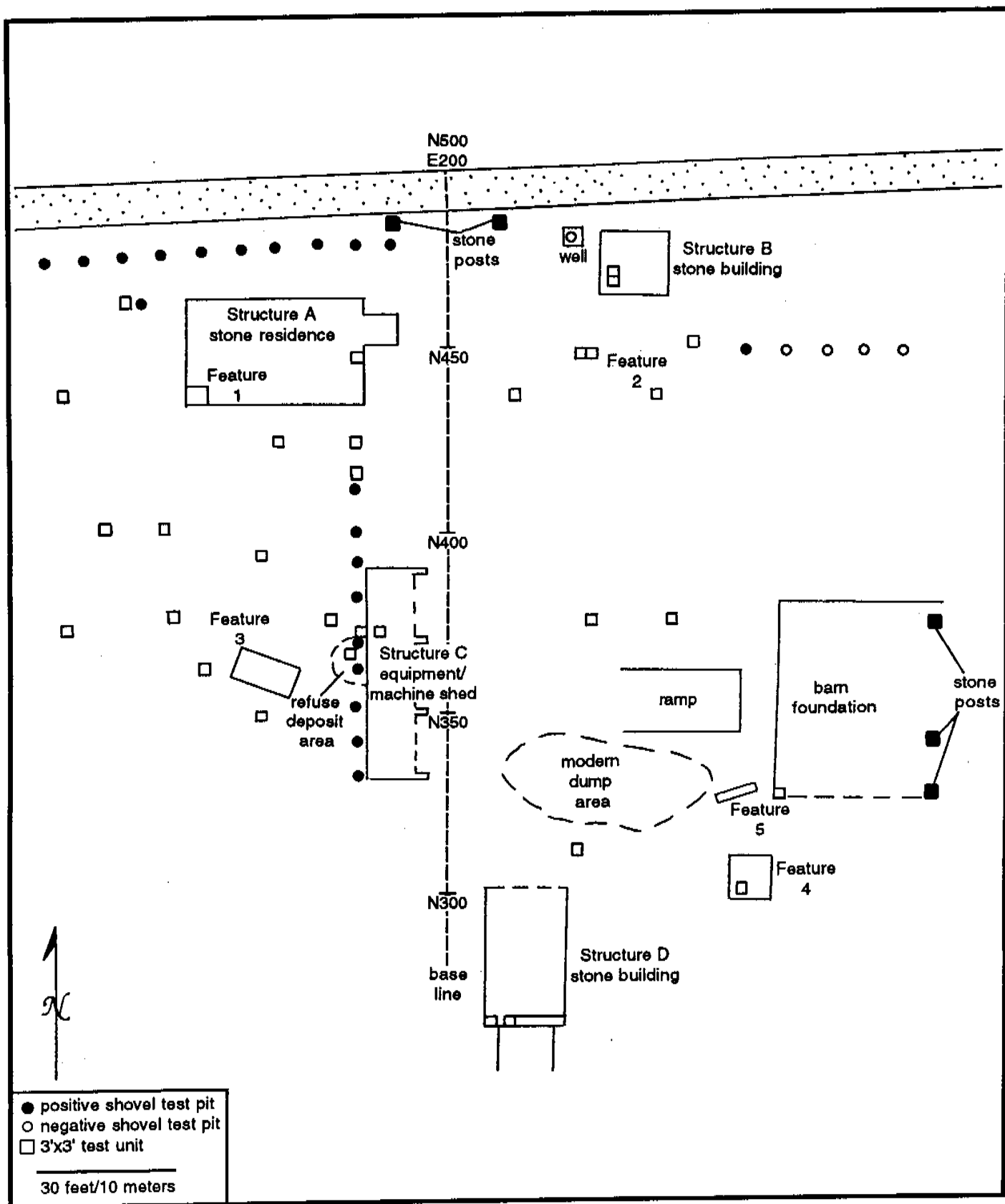


FIGURE 38
Plan Map of Weldin Plantation Site Showing Structures, Features and
Excavations
(Taylor et al. 1989)

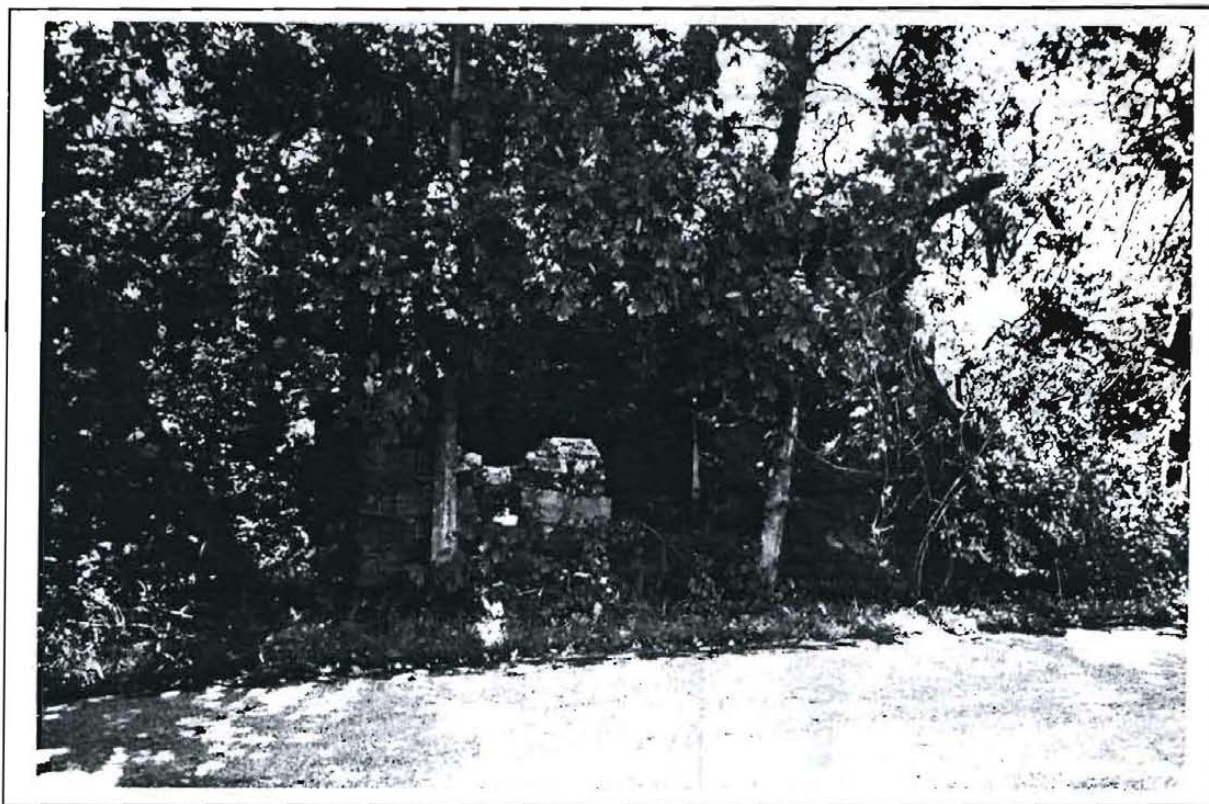


FIGURE 39
Weldin Plantation Site: Structure B Remains



FIGURE 40
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FIGURE 41
Weldin Plantation Site: Stone Lined Well Adjacent to Structure B